(b) if so, the details in this regard, with revenue, including foreign exchange generated by the I.T. Sector during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that studies have indicated the I.T. Sector in the country will suffer a massive manpower shortage in the next few years; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard, with measures taken by Government to meet this likely deficit of manpower in the IT Sector?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of revenue including foreign exchange generated by the IT sector during the last three years are given below:

(Rs. in crores)

S.N.	Item	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05*
1.	Software for Exports	46,100	58,240	78,230
2.	Domestic	13,400	16,250	19,630
	TOTAL	59,500	74,490	97,860

*Estimated

(c) NASSCOM estimates that total demand for IT services and Software professionals during FY 2007-08 is estimated to be 1.12 million whereas with 6,00,000 professionals likely to be added to the current pool of 592,000 professionals during this period, totaling to an expected supply of 1.19 million.

(d) Government is aware of the manpower situation in IT sector. Actions are taken from time to time to meet the IT manpower requirements by both the Private and Public Sector.

Removal of regional imbalances

*340. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission had agreed in principle to share

50 per cent of the cost of implementing various recommendations of Dr. D.M. Nanjundappa Committee that looked into regional imbalances; and

(b) if so, whether Government have received any proposal from the Karnataka Government for improving the living standards in the Hyderabad, Karnataka areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Letter received from NAC

†2471. SHRI MOTI LAL VORA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister's Office has received a letter regarding way of functioning of Centrally sponsored schemes from National Advisory Council;

(b) if so, the date of receiving the above letter and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by Government for the implementation of these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) A letter on restructuring of Centrally Sponsored Schemes has been sent to the Prime Minister from Chairperson, National Advisory Council in February, 2005.

The gist of the letter is that Centrally Sponsored Schemes may be focused around the Millennium Development Goals. It has further been suggested that the reconstruction and rationalization of Centrally Sponsored Schemes on these lines is operationalized from the coming financial year.

(c) The examination of these issues by the Government is a continuous process.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.